

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

November 2011

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended November 12, 2011, there were 524,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan during November 2011, a decrease of 4,900 from October 2011 and 200 less than the number employed in November 2010.

Agricultural employment was 38,100 persons in November 2011, down 1,800 from the October 2011 level and 1,500 less than the November 2010 agricultural employment level of 39,600. Non-agricultural employment was 486,100 persons in November 2011. This is a decrease of 3,100 from the October 2011 non-agriculture employment level of 489,200 but 1,300 more than November 2010.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for November 2011 was 4.7 percent. This is an increase of 1.0 percentage points from the October 2011 rate of 3.7 percent but 0.1 percentage points lower than the November 2010 level of 4.8 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 400 to 550,000 persons in November 2011 from 549,600 persons in October 2011. This is 1,000 less than the November 2010 labour force of 551,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.1 percentage points to 68.4 percent in November 2011 from 68.5 percent in October 2011. The November 2010 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.3 percent.

There were 25,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during November 2011. This is an increase of 5,400 from October 2011 but is 800 less than the number unemployed in November 2010.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 524,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in November 2011, down 4,200 from the October 2011 level of 528,900 but is up 800 from the November 2010 employment level of 523,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2011 was 5.1 percent. This is an increase of 1.0 percentage points from the October 2011 rate of 4.1 percent but 0.4 percentage points lower than the November 2010 rate of 5.5 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 85,900 persons in November 2011 to 17,316,400 persons from 17,402,300 persons in October 2011. In November 2010, there were 17,127,900 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.3 percentage points in November 2011 to 7.0 percent from the October 2011 level of 6.7 percent. In November 2010, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.4 percent in November 2011. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than October 2011 but 0.2 percentage points lower than the November 2010 level of 7.6 percent.

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TABLE 1

**SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES**

	November 2011	October 2011	November 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<b>CANADA</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,617.1	18,655.4	18,450.4	-38.3	166.7
Employed ('000)	17,316.4	17,402.3	17,127.9	-85.9	188.5
Full-Time ('000)	13,966.8	14,052.8	13,685.3	-86.0	281.5
Part-Time ('000)	3,349.5	3,349.4	3,442.6	0.1	-93.1
Unemployed ('000)	1,300.7	1,253.1	1,322.4	47.6	-21.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	6.7	7.2	0.3	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.4	7.3	7.6	0.1	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	66.2	66.4	66.4	-0.2	-0.2
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	550.0	549.6	551.0	0.4	-1.0
Employed ('000)	524.2	529.1	524.4	-4.9	-0.2
Full-Time ('000)	435.6	436.7	427.8	-1.1	7.8
Part-Time ('000)	88.6	92.4	96.6	-3.8	-8.0
Unemployed ('000)	25.8	20.4	26.6	5.4	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	3.7	4.8	1.0	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.1	4.1	5.5	1.0	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	68.4	68.5	69.3	-0.1	-0.9
<b>ALBERTA</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,233.4	2,229.6	2,146.5	3.8	86.9
Employed ('000)	2,125.3	2,122.3	2,026.9	3.0	98.4
Full-Time ('000)	1,765.1	1,760.8	1,664.3	4.3	100.8
Part-Time ('000)	360.2	361.5	362.6	-1.3	-2.4
Unemployed ('000)	108.1	107.3	119.6	0.8	-11.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.8	5.6	0.0	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.0	5.1	5.6	-0.1	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	73.8	73.8	72.1	0.0	1.7
<b>MANITOBA</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	656.7	659.3	652.3	-2.6	4.4
Employed ('000)	624.0	628.9	622.2	-4.9	1.8
Full-Time ('000)	498.6	497.3	497.3	1.3	1.3
Part-Time ('000)	125.4	131.6	125.0	-6.2	0.4
Unemployed ('000)	32.7	30.4	30.0	2.3	2.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.6	4.6	0.4	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	5.2	5.0	0.3	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	68.9	69.0	-0.3	-0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<b><u>November 2011</u></b>	<b><u>October 2011</u></b>	<b><u>November 2010</u></b>	<b><u>Change from Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	550.0	549.6	551.0	0.4	-1.0
Male	296.1	296.5	295.0	-0.4	1.1
Female	253.8	253.1	256.0	0.7	-2.2
15-24 Years of Age	88.8	89.5	90.0	-0.7	-1.2
25+ Years of age	461.2	460.0	461.0	1.2	0.2
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	524.2	529.1	524.4	-4.9	-0.2
Male	283.6	287.8	280.2	-4.2	3.4
Female	240.5	241.3	244.1	-0.8	-3.6
15-24 Years of Age	79.0	82.4	80.7	-3.4	-1.7
25+ Years of age	445.2	446.7	443.7	-1.5	1.5
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	25.8	20.4	26.6	5.4	-0.8
Male	12.5	8.7	14.8	3.8	-2.3
Female	13.3	11.7	11.8	1.6	1.5
15-24 Years of Age	9.8	7.1	9.3	2.7	0.5
25+ Years of age	16.0	13.3	17.4	2.7	-1.4
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	4.7	3.7	4.8	1.0	-0.1
Male	4.2	2.9	5.0	1.3	-0.8
Female	5.2	4.6	4.6	0.6	0.6
15-24 Years of Age	11.0	7.9	10.3	3.1	0.7
25+ Years of age	3.5	2.9	3.8	0.6	-0.3
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	68.4	68.5	69.3	-0.1	-0.9
Male	74.3	74.5	74.9	-0.2	-0.6
Female	62.6	62.5	63.8	0.1	-1.2
15-24 Years of Age	65.1	65.6	65.3	-0.5	-0.2
25+ Years of age	69.1	69.0	70.2	0.1	-1.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	November <u>2011</u>	October <u>2011</u>	November <u>2010</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	38.1	39.9	39.6	-1.8	-1.5
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	23.7	24.8	23.8	-1.1	-0.1
Utilities	5.4	5.1	5.4	0.3	0.0
Construction	40.2	41.7	38.4	-1.5	1.8
Manufacturing	25.4	26.0	31.0	-0.6	-5.6
Trade	86.4	85.6	82.6	0.8	3.8
Transportation and Warehousing	26.1	26.0	27.1	0.1	-1.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.3	30.3	29.5	0.0	0.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	25.8	27.5	21.4	-1.7	4.4
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.5	11.4	10.0	0.1	1.5
Educational Services	39.9	39.1	41.1	0.8	-1.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	69.8	69.5	68.1	0.3	1.7
Information, Culture and Recreation	16.6	18.0	19.4	-1.4	-2.8
Accommodation and Food Services	30.0	29.5	31.8	0.5	-1.8
Other Services	26.7	25.8	27.6	0.9	-0.9
Public Administration	28.4	29.0	27.7	-0.6	0.7
Total	524.2	529.1	524.4	-4.9	-0.2
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	435.6	436.7	427.8	-1.1	7.8
Part-Time	88.6	92.4	96.6	-3.8	-8.0
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	426.3	430.4	428.6	-4.1	-2.3
Public Sector	132.0	133.8	131.5	-1.8	0.5
Private Sector	294.3	296.7	297.2	-2.4	-2.9
Self-Employed	97.9	98.7	95.8	-0.8	2.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	November <u>2011</u>	October <u>2011</u>	November <u>2010</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,316.4	17,402.3	17,127.9	-85.9	188.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	222.0	225.6	218.5	-3.6	3.5
Prince Edward Island	70.7	73.3	68.4	-2.6	2.3
Nova Scotia	452.8	452.8	447.8	0.0	5.0
New Brunswick	350.5	357.0	352.1	-6.5	-1.6
Quebec	3,910.8	3,973.3	3,927.9	-62.5	-17.1
Ontario	6,748.5	6,741.9	6,659.1	6.6	89.4
Manitoba	624.0	628.9	622.2	-4.9	1.8
Saskatchewan	524.2	529.1	524.4	-4.9	-0.2
Alberta	2,125.3	2,122.3	2,026.9	3.0	98.4
British Columbia	2,287.6	2,298.1	2,280.5	-10.5	7.1
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	7.0	6.7	7.2	0.3	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.0	11.7	13.6	1.3	-0.6
Prince Edward Island	12.1	9.4	13.0	2.7	-0.9
Nova Scotia	8.4	7.9	9.2	0.5	-0.8
New Brunswick	9.1	8.1	9.4	1.0	-0.3
Quebec	7.7	7.1	7.5	0.6	0.2
Ontario	7.2	7.4	7.5	-0.2	-0.3
Manitoba	5.0	4.6	4.6	0.4	0.4
Saskatchewan	4.7	3.7	4.8	1.0	-0.1
Alberta	4.8	4.8	5.6	0.0	-0.8
British Columbia	6.6	6.1	6.7	0.5	-0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS****(Seasonally Adjusted)**

	<b>November 2011</b>	<b>October 2011</b>	<b>November 2010</b>	<b>Change from Last Month</b>	<b>Change from Last Year</b>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,327.0	17,345.6	17,114.9	-18.6	212.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	224.0	224.3	220.5	-0.3	3.5
Prince Edward Island	72.6	72.0	70.4	0.6	2.2
Nova Scotia	453.8	449.4	448.9	4.4	4.9
New Brunswick	351.2	352.9	352.8	-1.7	-1.6
Quebec	3,928.4	3,958.9	3,931.7	-30.5	-3.3
Ontario	6,735.2	6,718.6	6,637.9	16.6	97.3
Manitoba	624.5	626.3	622.2	-1.8	2.3
Saskatchewan	524.7	528.9	523.9	-4.2	0.8
Alberta	2,130.2	2,125.7	2,033.1	4.5	97.1
British Columbia	2,282.3	2,288.9	2,273.5	-6.6	8.8
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	7.4	7.3	7.6	0.1	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.2	12.9	14.0	0.3	-0.8
Prince Edward Island	11.1	11.2	12.2	-0.1	-1.1
Nova Scotia	8.6	8.6	9.5	0.0	-0.9
New Brunswick	9.8	9.4	10.2	0.4	-0.4
Quebec	8.0	7.7	7.8	0.3	0.2
Ontario	7.9	8.1	8.2	-0.2	-0.3
Manitoba	5.5	5.2	5.0	0.3	0.5
Saskatchewan	5.1	4.1	5.5	1.0	-0.4
Alberta	5.0	5.1	5.6	-0.1	-0.6
British Columbia	7.0	6.6	7.0	0.4	0.0

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS****(3 Month Moving Average)**

	<b>November <u>2011</u></b>	<b>October <u>2011</u></b>	<b>November <u>2010</u></b>	<b>Change from <u>Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>CANADIAN CITIES</u></b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	6.8	7.2	6.5	-0.4	0.3
Halifax	5.1	5.8	6.4	-0.7	-1.3
Saint John	6.1	6.1	6.1	0.0	0.0
Quebec	3.8	4.2	4.0	-0.4	-0.2
Montreal	7.9	8.0	8.1	-0.1	-0.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.9	6.2	6.4	-0.3	-0.5
Greater Sudbury	5.2	6.1	8.4	-0.9	-3.2
Toronto	8.1	8.5	8.3	-0.4	-0.2
Winnipeg	5.5	6.1	5.1	-0.6	0.4
Regina	3.1	3.9	4.7	-0.8	-1.6
Saskatoon	5.0	5.3	5.0	-0.3	0.0
Calgary	5.1	5.8	6.1	-0.7	-1.0
Edmonton	5.3	5.6	5.6	-0.3	-0.3
Vancouver	6.2	6.8	6.9	-0.6	-0.7
Victoria	6.2	6.1	5.9	0.1	0.3
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
<b><u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	170.1	170.8	164.5	-0.7	5.6
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	49.1	49.6	51.0	-0.5	-1.9
Saskatoon-Biggar	173.4	172.8	172.3	0.6	1.1
Yorkton-Melville	40.7	40.7	39.2	0.0	1.5
Prince Albert & Northern	94.6	95.5	97.2	-0.9	-2.6

**Note:** All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 7

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY**  
**FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**  
**(3 Month Moving Average)**

	November 2011	October 2011	November 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	549.8	552.6	550.5	-2.8	-0.7
Employed ('000)	526.6	528.0	523.0	-1.4	3.6
Unemployed ('000)	23.2	24.6	27.5	-1.4	-4.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.4	5.0	-0.2	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	68.5	68.9	69.3	-0.4	-0.8
Employment Rate (%)	65.6	65.8	65.9	-0.2	-0.3
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	502.5	505.8	507.5	-3.3	-5.0
Employed ('000)	486.0	487.4	486.9	-1.4	-0.9
Unemployed ('000)	16.4	18.4	20.6	-2.0	-4.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.6	4.1	-0.3	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	69.1	70.0	-0.5	-1.4
Employment Rate (%)	66.3	66.6	67.1	-0.3	-0.8
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	47.4	46.8	43.0	0.6	4.4
Employed ('000)	40.6	40.6	36.2	0.0	4.4
Unemployed ('000)	6.8	6.2	6.8	0.6	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.3	13.2	15.9	1.1	-1.6
Participation Rate (%)	67.5	66.8	62.5	0.7	5.0
Employment Rate (%)	57.9	57.9	52.6	0.0	5.3
<b><u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	19.3	19.0	16.7	0.3	2.6
Employed ('000)	15.3	15.3	12.9	0.0	2.4
Unemployed ('000)	4.0	3.7	3.8	0.3	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	20.7	19.3	22.7	1.4	-2.0
Participation Rate (%)	62.7	62.0	55.4	0.7	7.3
Employment Rate (%)	49.8	50.0	42.9	-0.2	6.9
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	28.1	27.8	26.1	0.3	2.0
Employed ('000)	25.3	25.3	23.0	0.0	2.3
Unemployed ('000)	2.8	2.5	3.1	0.3	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.9	9.1	11.7	0.8	-1.8
Participation Rate (%)	71.2	70.5	67.9	0.7	3.3
Employment Rate (%)	64.2	64.1	60.0	0.1	4.2

## Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan residents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three-month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July).
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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